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October 21, 2014

The Honorable Cynthia Giles
Assistant Administrator
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Ms. Giles:

This letter responds to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Unilateral Administrative Order related to the Gorst Creek Landfill in Port Orchard, Washington, issued under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) §7003 on October 9, 2014 (UAO). The Department of the Navy (Navy) received the UAO on October 14, 2014. I am writing on behalf of Mr. Dennis McGinn, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) and am requesting a meeting with you in accordance with Section 17 (Opportunity to Confer) of the subject Order. The issues we wish to discuss include factual misstatements in the Order, Congressional authorization/appropriation and related fiscal issues, appropriateness of the remedy, identification of responsible parties and options for moving forward in an effective and cooperative manner.

Sincerely yours.

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